

# BIOGRAPHY



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Bernard Marcak is the Chief Legal Counsel for the Air Force Services Agency located in San Antonio, Texas. The Office of Legal Counsel serves as the in-house legal resource for the Agency. It also provides Air Force-level legal services on morale, welfare, and recreation; nonappropriated fund; and other Services matters to the major commands, field operating agencies, and installations. Mr. Marcak assists The Judge Advocate General, USAF, in providing legal support to the Air Force Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Advisory Board and certain Air Staff elements. He also serves as the legal advisor for the Board's Finance and Audit Committee and its Investment Subcommittee.



Mr. Marcak graduated from Shiner High School, Shiner, Texas, in 1958. After obtaining his undergraduate degree and an Air Force commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC), he obtained his law degree and entered the Air Force in January of 1965. He served 18 months at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and three years at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico. In June of 1969, he separated from the Air Force and became an Assistant (and later an Associate) General Counsel for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Dallas, Texas. In March of 1974, he left the Exchange Service and assumed duties as the Chief of the Nonappropriated Fund Law Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. This Division was the predecessor of the present-day Office of Legal Counsel and he has held the position as head of that office since March of 1974.

Mr. Marcak is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Texas, the Bar of the United States Court of Military Appeals, and the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1962 Bachelor of Business Administration, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- 1964 Doctor of Jurisprudence, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas.

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### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1965-June 1966, assistant staff judge advocate, 363 Combat Support Group, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina
2. June 1966-June 1969, assistant staff judge advocate, 72 Combat Support Group, Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico
3. June 1969-March 1974, assistant (and then associate) general counsel, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Dallas, Texas
4. March 1974-present, chief nonappropriated fund law division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, which evolved to chief legal counsel, Air Force Services Agency

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Cadet Group Commander (AFROTC)

Distinguished Military Graduate (AFROTC)

John H. Simpson Award (outstanding senior AFROTC cadet)

Arnold Air Society and Scabbard and Blade (Reserve Officer Training Corps honorary organizations)

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Meritorious Civilian Award (highest Exchange Service award for civilian employees)

James O. Wrightson, Jr., Award (annual award to outstanding civilian attorney in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department)

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